Chinese Help to Pakistan for Missile Production

3423. SHR1 RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item * published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 7th August 2001 under the caption "New Chinese Missile parts of Pak" meant to help Islamabad with the production of Shaheen-i missiles and the development of Shaheen-II;

(b) whether Pakistan has received as many as 12 shipments of missile components from China this year, the last instalment being on 1st May 2001;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether the Washington Times in its issue dated 6th July, 2001 has also observed that "this problem is serious"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a), (b) and (d) The news item is based on a report in *The Washington Times* of 6 August 2001 about US spy satellites having deteced twelve shipments of missile components from China to Pakistan up to 1st May this year. *The Washington* Times also quotes a senior US Administration official's observation on continued Chinese arms shipments that "The problem is serious". China has denied the report.

(c) These revelations are not new to us; they confirm the validity of Government's own assessments. Government has conveyed to its interlocutors its concern about the adverse effects on India's security from continuing nuclear and missile proliferation in Pakistan despite the existence of various export control regimes and declarations of restraint by supplier countries.

Revision of Indo-Bangladesh visa Agreement

3424. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY:
SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised the 1972 visa "greement signed between India and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main objective of revising the 1972 Indo-Bangladesh visa agreement; and